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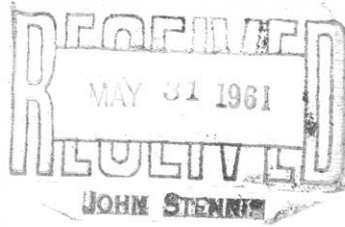
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WASHINGTON OFFICE



[REDACTED]  
McComb, Mississippi  
May 27, 1961

Senator John C. Stennis  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator:

The spiritual decline of this country was clearly demonstrated by the selection of the person to be elected to the highest office in these United States. This leads us to fully agree with the Attorney General's recent statement that a negro could be elected President of the U.S. within 30 or 40 years. Such a further decline would not be in excess of that already demonstrated as mentioned above.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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## United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

June 8, 1961

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Mr. [REDACTED]  
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McComb, Mississippi

Dear [REDACTED] :

Thank you very much for your letter, and I certainly share your concern regarding the recent public statement of the Attorney General.

I think that the statement was unfortunate and will only serve to create further strife. Also, I am disturbed about the action of the Justice Department in the recent events in Alabama, and I think the people of the Nation should be protected from unwarranted invasions of this kind. I know you will be interested in the enclosed recent statement which I made with reference to the so-called freedom riders and a copy of the bill which I have introduced to curb such activities in the future.

With warm regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Stennis  
United States Senator

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JS/cd